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S.B. No. 849

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an exemption from licensing requirements for certain physicians and athletic trainers employed by sports teams.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 151, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 151.0521 to read as follows:

Sec. 151.0521. EXEMPTION FOR SPORTS TEAM PHYSICIAN. A person is exempt from the licensing requirements of this subtitle and may engage in the practice of medicine in this state if the person:

(1) is employed or designated as a team physician by a professional or intercollegiate sports team visiting this state for a specific sporting event;

(2) is licensed to practice medicine in the team's home state; and

(3) limits the person's practice of medicine in this state to treating, during the period beginning on the date the team arrives in this state for the event and ending on the 10th day after the date of the event:

(A) the members, coaches, and staff of the team; and

(B) a family member of a person described by Paragraph (A) if the family member is visiting this state for the event.

SECTION 2. Section 451.003, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 451.003. APPLICABILITY. This chapter does not apply to:

(1) a physician licensed by the Texas Medical Board or engaged in the practice of medicine as authorized by Section 151.0521;

(2) a dentist, licensed under the laws of this state, engaged in the practice of dentistry;

(3) a licensed optometrist or therapeutic optometrist engaged in the practice of optometry or therapeutic optometry as defined by statute;

(4) an occupational therapist engaged in the practice of occupational therapy;

(5) a nurse engaged in the practice of nursing;

(6) a licensed podiatrist engaged in the practice of podiatry as defined by statute;

(7) a physical therapist engaged in the practice of physical therapy;

(8) a registered massage therapist engaged in the practice of massage therapy;

(9) a commissioned or contract physician, physical therapist, or physical therapist assistant in the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, or Public Health Service; or

(10) an athletic trainer who does not live in this state and [7] who meets the requirements of Section 451.004 ~~[is licensed, registered, or certified by an authority recognized by~~

~~the department, and who provides athletic training in this state  
for a period determined by the department].~~

SECTION 3. Subchapter A, Chapter 451, Occupations Code, is  
amended by adding Section 451.004 to read as follows:

Sec. 451.004. EXEMPTION FOR SPORTS TEAM ATHLETIC TRAINER.

A person is exempt from this chapter if the person:

(1) is employed or designated as a team athletic  
trainer by a professional or intercollegiate sports team visiting  
this state for a specific sporting event;

(2) is licensed, registered, or certified as an  
athletic trainer in the team's home state; and

(3) limits the person's practice of athletic training  
in this state to providing, during the period beginning on the date  
the team arrives in this state for the event and ending on the 10th  
day after the date of the event, athletic training to:

(A) the members, coaches, and staff of the team;  
and

(B) a family member of a person described by  
Paragraph (A) if the family member is visiting this state for the  
event.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.